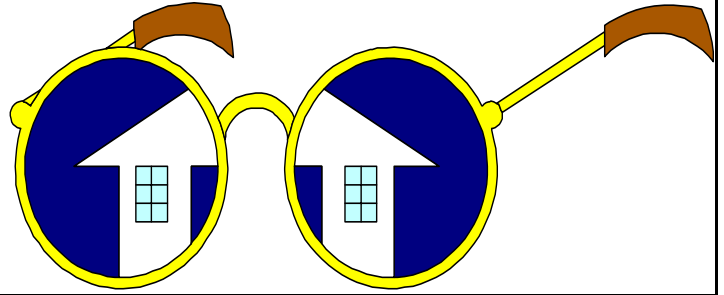


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Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

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Terri's Tidbits

The Fourth Quarter Captain's Open House and New Captain's Workshop was held December 13, 2001. There were 28 Neighborhood Watch areas represented (out of 282). I will assume that the rest of the captains, co-captains and assistant captains are very comfortable with the paperwork, planning parties and have enough supplies to last the up coming year. Commander Driscoll, Superstition Commander, and Cindy Heard of Neighborhood Services, attended each workshop to answer any questions and meet the new captains. Lindy Marino gave an excellent presentation on party planning. I would like to thank them all for their support and help. We are so lucky to have a Command staff that is always available and eager to participate in our Neighborhood Watch activities.



As I reflect back over the year 2001, it has occurred to me that this is an anniversary for me: one year as the Superstition Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. We started 2001 with 284 Neighborhood Watches and we

start 2002 with 282. This may sound like we lost ground, but I have deleted 165 inactive captains, co-captains and assistants, while adding 82 new Neighborhood Watches. As you recall from my other newsletters, this was the year that all of the old signs were being removed and the inactive Neighborhood Watches removed from the books. I think we have done an awesome job by staying even!!!! Remember, as the captains, co-captains and assistant captains, you are the backbone of the

Neighborhood Watch program. The more active you are in planning neighborhood events, the better chance you have that your Neighborhood Watch program will not become stagnant and your fellow residents lose interest. There are many events that take little time or effort to plan. The lack of criminal activity in your area should not be a reason that you stop having events. It should be at least one more reason to celebrate because it means that your neighbors care to make the program work!!

My files are now current through 2001 and I am now notifying all inactive captains to reactivate or lose their signs. All active captains are in the process of receiving their 2002 stickers and should have them by the end of February. This will be the last year we will be using the yearly stickers to show active status. After 2002, the sign itself will show that you are an active Neighborhood Watch group. At the beginning of every year we will verify that your Neighborhood Watch group has met the requirements of the program. Groups not meeting the requirements to stay active will lose their signs. If you have a question concerning the requirements, call me and I will send you a copy of them. If you still have documentation for events you held in 2001, please forward it to me as soon as possible.

Have a happy and prosperous New Year!

Quarterly Calendar

Wednesday, February 13— SVE Captains Meeting
2PM-3:30PM, SVE Auditorium, 2145 S. Farnsworth

Monday, February 21— President's Day

Tuesday, March 12 - Election Day

Thursday, March 27 - Captains Quarterly Meeting
630PM-9PM, SVE Auditorium, 2145 S. Farnsworth

Home Improvement Project Tips



Now is the time to begin thinking of doing some home improvement projects. The Better Business Bureau has some helpful information to assist you in making decisions that could save time and money.

- **Plan your project from start to finish.** Determine the scope of the project

beginning to end before selecting materials, the contractor or even financing.

- **Be specific in explaining exactly what you want.** This will ensure that you will be happy with the final product because the contractor knew exactly what you wanted.

- **Compare costs before making a financial commitment toward any home improvement project.** Solicit two to three bids from prospective contractors based on the same building specifications, materials, labor and time need to complete the project. Discuss bid in detail with each contractor. Do not automatically choose the lowest price. Make sure all bids are based on exactly the same things and if not, find out the reason why. For example, quality of material will dramatically affect the bids so it is good idea to set a standard and have each contractor bid using that standard.



- **Ask for local references.** Find out if previous customers were satisfied with both workmanship and timeliness. If possible, inspect completed projects. Contact the Better Business Bureau to learn how long the contractor has been in business and if they have been responsive to any complaints filed with the BBB.

- **Make sure the contractor meets licensing/ bonding and insurance requirements.**

- **Investigate the various sources of financial funding and compare the amounts, interest rates, terms and tax considerations.**



- **Be wary of any contractor who tells you that he/she has been approved or endorsed by the FHA.** FHA requires that the lender approve any contractor associated with the loan request and will not guarantee the work or the contractor.

- **Inquire about the need for a building permit.** Your contract should state the work is performed in accordance with all applicable building codes and zoning regulations for your area.

- **Cancellation Rights.** The contractor is required to tell you about your cancellation rights and provide forms. You have three business days in which to change your mind and cancel the contract after signing.

- **Consider lien protection.** When more than one contractor is involved in the remodeling job, protect yourself in the event the primary contractor fails to pay the subcontractors or suppliers. You may do this by adding a release-of-lien clause to the contract or by placing your payments into an escrow account until the work is completed.

- **Warranty Clause.** Any warranty offered on products should be in writing and you understand all the terms and conditions, including the length of the warranty. Know the difference between a "full" warranty that gives the consumer certain automatic rights or a "limited" warranty that restricts certain consumer rights.

Protect Yourself

NEVER pay a contractor for the entire job in advance and avoid paying in cash whenever possible.

NEVER sign a partial or blank contract. Read every contract clause carefully, asking questions, if necessary, before signing it.



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The Joke's On You!!!!

Americans must be getting stronger. Twenty years ago, it took two people to carry ten dollars' worth of groceries. Today, a five-year old can do it.



HA! HA! HA!

You know you're living in the 2000's when:
You chat several times a day with a stranger from South America, but you haven't spoken to your next door neighbor yet this year.



GREENFIELD VILLAGE HAS A WINNER!!

Tuesday, January 7, 2002, the Neighborhood Watch captains for the Greenfield Village, 111 S. Greenfield, had a hit when 227 people turned out for their 1st ever All-Village Neighborhood Watch event. Called the "Security Expo", the program consisted of presentations by various groups. Set up in the auditorium, the Expo provided tables on which the participants could display their brochures and/or working gear.



Representing the Police Department were: C.A.T. Officer Terry Huggans; Bike Unit Officers Richard Scott and David Meicke; K-9 unit Officers Gordon Leitz with partner "Duke" and Gerry Allen with partners "Dell" and "Hunter". Crime Prevention Specialists Karen Stegenga gave a presentation on both the Mesa Pilot Program for Seniors and S.A.F.E. Seniors Program and Terri Teten talked about identity theft. Representing the Mesa Fire Department were Captain Kurt Dana, firefighters Justin Jackson, Jeff Morales and Engineer Jim McCollum.



Each group gave a short demonstration and explanation as to how they do their jobs. Noel Day, Greenfield Village Security and block watch captain, also gave a short presentation on the security of the park.

Hazel Rockwood, the Village neighborhood watch captain, coordinated the event with Bill Foskett acting as the Master of Ceremonies. Captains that assisted were: Evelyn Small, Fire Dept.; Stella Tessier, Bicycle Unit; Carol Ackerman, K-9 Unit; Lois Costello, CAT Unit; Dick Rockwood, S.A.F.E. Seniors; Wes Swanson & Greg Lewis, Neighborhood Watch table; Dorothy Dunfelder & Gail Ruppelius, publicity; Refreshment volunteers Sonja Swanson, Kathleen Foskett, Joan Shannon, Loretta Whitta, Suzanne Rickel, Lynne Leu, Helen Bourke, & Charlene Jacobsen. Also, many captains had multiple responsibilities or helped wherever they were needed.

Everyone did an awesome job! We hope that this will turn into an annual event since it was so successful this year.

2001 New Neighborhood Watch Groups Third Quarter

1. 1100 N. 89th St. – F. Clarke
2. 1100 N. 90th Pl. – J. Hathcock
3. 1100 N. 90th St. – E. Port
4. 2700 N. Cabot Circle – P. Race, K. Salvato
5. 5400-5500 E. Dolphin – K. McCoy, S. Carroll
6. 9200-9300 E. Ellis – B. Dent, D. Giles
7. 7700 E. Exmoor – L. Fowler
8. 8900 E. Fairbrook St. – C. Miccolis
9. 8900 E. Fountain – E. Truitt
10. 9000 E. Fox – B. Gross
11. 7200 E. Natal, 2600 S. Augustine – M. Monachello, L. Rodrigues
12. 7700 E. Portobello – B. Fredrickson

Fourth Quarter

1. 400-500 S. 74th Pl.—A. Phelps, T. Hoover
2. 1600-1700 S. 82nd St – D. Brown
3. 3500 S. Brice Cir – M. & S. Celaya
4. 2100 S. Bristol – S. Leifson
5. 2300 N. Cabot Cir – R. O'Neil, P. Klein
6. 11300 E. Dartmouth – D. Winterboer
7. 11300 E. Des Moines Cir – C. Howse
8. 5000 E. Farmdale – J. Maier, L. Hoskins
9. 8000-8100 E. Idaho – T. Warren
10. 8000-8100 E. Impala – E. Hale, C. Quick
11. 8000 E. Inverness – L. Watkins, J. Horne
12. 8000-8100 E. Irwin – D. & D. Hicks
13. 8000-8100 E. Juanita – R. Johnston, C. Simpson
14. 9900 E. Keats – S. Leifson
15. 9300-9400 E. Nora St – K. Robinson, B. Brinton
16. 3500 S. Payton – T. & R. Waldron
17. 600 N. Tambor – B. Dance

Important Telephone Numbers



Terri Teten 644-3692
Superstition Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Emergency or Crime in Progress..... 911
Community Relations Unit.....644-2300
Community Relations FAX.....644-2800
Police Non-Emergency.....644-2211
Silent Witness.....1-800-343-TIPS
Narcotics Hotline(602)644-5081
Graffiti Hotline.....644-3083
Gang Hotline.....644-4264
Fraud Alert Hotline644-2345

Get to Know Your Neighborhood Watch Captain !!

Hi! My name is Haley James Sisson and currently I am 39 years old. Born in N.J., I am the youngest of seven children, 4 brothers and 2 sisters. My family moved to Arizona from Pennsylvania in 1969.



I have been with my wonderful wife, Darlene, for eight years now and married for four of them. Our children consist of two cats, Hooter and Shaggy.

We are both huge Coyotes and NASCAR racing fans. We also enjoy billiards and are member of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association.

We bought our home in the Arizona Golf Resort/Golden Hills community in 1998 and from the moment we saw it we loved the entire area. Superstition Springs is filled with all the shopping and restaurants that anyone would need! The only thing that was missing in our community was an active Blockwatch program. My concern of having Blockwatch in the community was two- fold. I was concerned about any crime around our home and didn't want to wait until something happened before I did anything about it. After all this is where my wife and I plan to live for the next thirty years. But, also, my concern is for the people that have lived here for thirty years already and want to continue to live peacefully and safely.

So, after a year of getting settled at home it was time to start working with Paul Hutcheson to get Blockwatch up and running. It has now been two years since we became been active in our community and although not all neighbors wish to participate there are many that have. Crime in our neighborhood is at a minimum. Our goal in 2002 is to simply pursue getting more residents involved in this program.

DID YOU KNOW ????

You can call **480-644-2345** to listen to a recording that will tell you information about the latest Fraud Schemes and Con Games that are happening in the Mesa area.



Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. I don't know about you, but I enjoy the anticipation of the holidays, love the holidays themselves, and I am glad when they are over and life settles down to normal.

A few of you took time out of your busy season to join Terri Teten, Lindy Marino and myself for the December Neighborhood Watch Captain's meeting. We enjoyed talking with you about ideas for block parties and handing out information to help you as captains.

Over the next few months, Terri and I will be seeing you at various block parties/ meetings and at the next quarterly captain's meeting on March 27th. We will have various people from the Superstition Police Substation at the March meeting. Mark it on your calendar now so you won't forget.

Remember, if you have questions about the police department or would like to speak with myself, or someone at our substation, call 644-4371, 8:00-5:00 Monday to Friday. You will get one of our secretaries, Cheri or Sharon. They are two very nice, very knowledgeable people that will do their best to help you, or will direct you to the person you need to speak with.

March 12th is Election Day for Mesa. It is an important date for our area. We will be electing council member for District 5 and 6. District 5 is the north part of our area and District 6 is the south part. Please learn about the candidates, and the issues on the ballot and most important of VOTE !!!!!

I look forward to seeing all of you on March 27th. Until then be safe, be healthy and be happy.

Commander Sandy Driscoll

Burglarized: What Happens Next

By Daniel Desjardins
CST Supervisor

You return home and find someone has been inside your home. **DO NOT TOUCH ANYTHING!** Go to a safe location to call the police. Handling items or cleaning up your house destroys evidence. This may hinder the prosecution of the suspects, if caught.

If you discover the burglary after having entered the house, and you are sure that the house is safe, call to report the crime on the non-emergency number (480-644-2211). The basic information needed to start your case will be taken at this time. Your call will then be forwarded to the Department's Callback Section. Your call will be processed in the order in which it was received. An officer will call you back and take the detailed information necessary to complete the written report over the phone.



From this point on, whether a patrol officer or a callback officer takes your report, the process is the same. A civilian Crime Scene Technician (CST) will be dispatched to process the scene for evidence.

Upon the arrival of the CST, either the officer or the victim on scene will brief them. This is a critical first step. Typically, a walk through of the scene showing the CST where the suspect entered, what was taken and what was disturbed allows the CST to evaluate what types of evidence might be present. The more information initially provided to the CST will help them decide how best to process your home. The CST is trained to check for physical evidence left behind by the suspect. This may include latent prints, shoe and tire impressions, tool marks, biological evidence (blood, saliva, etc.), trace evidence (small fibers, hairs, etc.) and any items left by the suspect, such as tools or clothing.

The most common type of evidence found at a crime scene is latent prints. Latent prints are the residues left behind after a person touches an object. Most latents are found on smooth, non-porous surfaces. The CST will use a variety of powders and brushes to develop the latent prints. The latents are then collected using clear lifting tape and transferred to a latent lift card. The card allows the CST to record the information necessary to identify the crime, location of the latent lifted and the date and time it was collected. Any other evidence located at the scene will also be collected. Evidence can be collected physically, photographically or by a combination of both. Items collected at the scene (other than the latent lift cards) will be submitted to the Evidence Section for storage.

These may be processed further by the Identification and Crime Labs or used in later court proceedings.

The latent print cards collected by the CST will be submitted to the Identification Section. The Identification Technicians will review the latents on the lift cards to determine if they are comparable. If a latent is comparable and it meets the necessary criteria, the latent will be entered into the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) database. The AFIS database is a statewide file of fingerprint cards entered by local, county and state law enforcement agencies. This database is used for the purpose of identification of subjects entered into it. This means that fingerprints are collected from both criminal and non-criminal sources. Criminal sources can include arrest bookings, registered offenders and criminal traffic offenses. Non-criminal fingerprints typically include cards from applicant files, professional licensing, business licensing, teachers, bus drivers and juveniles.



Once a latent print is entered into AFIS, it remains in the system until a match is made or it is removed by the agency that entered it originally. This means that a subject can be entered months or years later and be matched to a previously unidentified latent. Once identification is effected, the information is forwarded to the case detective to determine the individual's involvement, if any, in the case.

If a latent print does not meet the AFIS criteria, it is then filed in the Identification Section's latent print files. It will remain in the files until a detective develops a suspect and requests that a comparison be performed. The results of the comparison will then be turned over to the detective, for further investigation. The identification of a subject's prints at a scene does not indicate guilt. It only indicates that they were at the scene of the crime. It is the detective's responsibility to determine their involvement in the crime.

The processing of the crime scene is only the beginning of the identification process. The time necessary to make an identification can be affected by many factors, including the quality of the latents and the availability of a suspect's fingerprints for comparison. The detective assigned to the case works every case lead. It is not necessary to call the detective to check on your case's status. The detective will contact you if they need additional information, or if they have information for you about your case. Once enough information is developed to charge a suspect, the case is then forwarded to the appropriate prosecutor's office for their review.





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SPRING NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH CAPTAIN'S MEETING

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2002
TIME: 7-8:30PM
WHERE: SUNLAND VILLAGE EAST AUDITORIUM
2145 S. FARNSWORTH DRIVE
(see map to the right)
THEME: "FOOD, FUN & FACTS"

BRING: Is your specialty chocolate chip cookies? Do you have a favorite family recipe for brownies? Ever heard of Kolaches or Biscotti? Well, this will be your chance to share goodies with your fellow Neighborhood Watch captains. Show off your talents and feel free to bring a dozen of your special treats and the recipe to share (unless it's a family secret). If your specialty is eating, then this could be your lucky night!

Guest Speaker: Detective Von Faler, Mesa PD.
Det. Faler is a member of the Document Crimes Unit. This will be a chance for you to ask questions about Check Fraud, ID Theft, and other Document Crimes.

Other Guests will include the Administration staff of the Mesa PD Superstition Patrol District, Neighborhood Services, & Code Compliance.

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